

PETROGLYPHS

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Many carvings and inscriptions dating from before the earliest Egyptian Dynasties to the modern era, including the only painted petroglyph known from the Eastern Desert and drawings of Egyptian reed boats dated to 4000 BCE

Some petroglyph images probably had deep cultural and religious significance for the societies that created them; in many cases this significance remains for their descendants.



Some petroglyphs are thought to be astronomical markers, maps, and other forms of symbolic communication, including a form of "pre-writing".